

PRICE RIVER WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

May 16, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Price River Water Improvement District was held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the District's Service Center located at 265 South Fairgrounds Road, Price, Utah.

PRESENT

Keith Cox
Rick Davis
Scott Jensen
Barney Zauss
Lenise Peterman
Jeff Richens

Micha Marelli
Shelly Bird
Larry Jensen
Shaney Wilson
Stewart Clayson

EXCUSED

Chairman Cox welcomed everyone to Board Meeting and noted all Board Members present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Davis led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

POSSIBLE CONFLICT WITH AGENDA ITEMS

There were no conflicts with Agenda Items.

MINUTES

Chairman Cox asked for input to the minutes of the May 2, 2023 board meeting. As there were no corrections or additions, Jensen moved to approve the minutes from the May 2, 2023 meeting. Zauss seconded and the motion carried unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Jensen, Zauss and Peterman.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS BY BOARD

Peterman reported that sampling for the Covid 19 study is continuing. The work on the tunnel utility water pipe replacement project is continuing. An aerator was removed on the east facultative sludge basin. Bryan, Mark, Riley and Karston have taken the certification test. Herbicide has been sprayed around the plant. Crews cleaned out the north primary clarifier so VanCon can inspect it. General plant yard maintenance is continuing. 265 lab test samples have been completed.

Davis reported Unit #6 (2006 Ford 150) and Unit #21 (2018 Ford 350) had some repairs completed. Unit #15 (camera truck) is in Cedar City to be wrapped with a "Before you Dig" ad. State safety inspections are continuing and are required to be completed by the end of May. During the inspection some issues were found with Unit #20 (1992 dump truck). These repairs have been completed. Lawn maintenance is continuing. The sewer manhole is being checked weekly at the RV station and cleaned as needed. Weed spraying is continuing. CDL training is going well. Paige and Jordan have completed the written test and are in the range driving courses. May 22 through May 26 they will begin hauling rock to the east property while training behind the wheel.

Zauss reported crews are working 24/7. The plant is running 3 million gallons per day. They are having difficulty treating the White River water. Price City is asking for 300 gallons per minute as the demand is going up. The concrete work on the loading dock and sidewalk have been completed. Alum lines are plumbed and ready for the valves to be installed. The SCADA computer and a pump at the sand trap need to be replaced and will be discussed on the agenda.

Jensen reported the line crew has taken samples during the first and middle of the month. Crews have set meters, helped pour concrete at the water plant, fixed leaks and replaced a meter. They also fixed the tripped fuses in the rectifiers at the church farm and Rocky Mountain Power. Upcoming classes are flagger training, cross connection control and CDL.

CARBON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATION

Shaney Wilson, the Carbon County Economic Development and Tourism Director along with Larry Jensen and Stewart Clayson presented a slide show on the importance of bringing new businesses to Carbon County. The county has targeted Ridge Road to be the hub for new businesses and will need help getting infrastructure in place to do so. The intent of their visit was to share information about the County's plans and let the Board know that they need their help, along with many other entities, to ensure that growth and the wellbeing of Carbon County's future is successful. They plan to return with a Tax Increment Finance request in the future and asked if the Board would have some discussions and come up with a plan regarding how PRWID can help with the situation.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Richens demonstrated to the board how to find information online regarding Scofield Reservoir and rivers in the state at www.waterrights.utah.gov. Discussion was held regarding the excess water situation, the amount of water in the White River drainage, and how quickly Scofield Reservoir may fill. The camera truck will be picked up Friday in Cedar City. Bookkeeping issues with Wellington City are being worked on. PRWID still owes money back to Wellington City in form of a credit. It will be cleared off with next month's billing. The county emergency manager sponsors a local emergency planning committee meeting every other month. Richens attended the last meeting where the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration gave a presentation on snow and how fast it is melting and how much snow is still in the mountains. Richens requested at that meeting that they put out a public service announcement regarding the dangers of the rivers right now. He also wanted Helper and Price Cities to be aware that they can send a representative to future meetings.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT PURCHASES

A. Replace Debris Screen Pump/Motor Combination

Troy has collected three bids which are found in the packet. He is recommending to purchase the pump/motor from Granger in the amount of \$1,929.20. Zauss moved to purchase the motor from Granger in the amount of \$1,929.20. Peterman seconded and the motion passed unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Jensen, Zauss and Peterman.

B. Replace SCADA #1 Computer

This is a specialty computer that runs the Water Treatment Plant as well as the emergency call out system. The bids in the packet range from \$5,047.24 to \$3,842.71. John Singleton, PRWID's IT employee is confident he can rebuild the computer for \$2,628.00. Troy and John are recommending this option. Davis moved to approve the

amount of \$2,628.00 and John Singleton to build the computer in-house. Zauss seconded and the motion passed unanimously. AYE: Cox, Davis, Jensen, Zauss and Peterman.

EVALUATION REPORT OF S.B. 118

Senate Bill 118, the conservation incentive, was previously brought before the Board. Richens referred to the information in the packet and explained what the policy entails. The items of greatest concern are that the District would be responsible for at least 50% of the rebate, as well as the burden of verifying that residents and businesses followed through and kept the xeriscape or turf replacement areas intact. The Board is not interested in participating. This is informational only and no motion was needed.

CLOSED SESSION

There were no items for a closed session.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

Davis moved to adjourn meeting at 8:52 pm. Jensen seconded the motion. AYE: Cox, Davis, Jensen, Zauss and Peterman.



Keith Cox, Chairman



Kim Wood, Clerk